



Ebensburg Municipal Authority Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2023
4:00 p.m.

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Gerald McMullen, Chair
Eric Rummel, V-Chairman
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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Announce and executive session that was held on March 27, 2023 for the purpose of conferring with and receiving legal advice from the Authority Solicitor concerning education agency members about an issue, which session was held for informational purposes only and did not involve deliberations.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are invited to comment at this time on any item appearing on the agenda.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Authority request specific items to be removed for separate action.

Item 10A: Consideration of motion to approve the minutes of the February 2023 regular monthly meeting.

Item 10B: Consideration of motion to approve the Financial Statement for February and March 2023.

Item 10C: Consideration of motion to approve payment of bills for March and April 2023.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

3. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS AUTHORITY

4. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MOTION(S) TO AMEND AGENDA

5. INFRAMARK

Item 5A: Report from Inframark on Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations

Mike Montgomery will provide his report on projects and activities at the wastewater plant.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 5B: Report from Inframark on Water Treatment Plant Operations

Luke Byrne will provide his report on projects and activities at the water plant.

Recommended Action – No action required.

6. OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE REPORT

Josh Surkovich will report on the public works department’s activities during the month.

Recommended Action – No action required

7. SOLICITOR

Item 7A: Consideration of Motion to adopt and approve Resolution #2023-02 authorizing the Authority's officers to sign any and all necessary and related documents, and to take any and all required and appropriate related action, and further authorizing any actions by Authority officials which are necessary or proper to effectuate the AMERISERV Financial Bank loan.

Recommended Action – Approve Resolution #2023- 02 giving authorization of the Authority's officers to sign any and all necessary and related documents, and to take any and all required and appropriate related action, and further authorizing any actions by Authority officials which are necessary or proper to effectuate the AMERISERV Financial Bank loan.

Item 7B: Consideration of Motion to adopt and approve Resolution #2023-03 authorizing the Authority's officers to sign any and all necessary and related documents, and to take any and all required and appropriate related action, and further authorizing any actions by Authority officials which are necessary or proper to effectuate the Loan with AMERISERV Financial Bank in the principal amount of \$622,000.00, the Local Government Unit Debt Act proceeding and the Guaranty Agreement.

Recommended Action – Approve Resolution #2023- 03 giving authorization of the Authority's officers to sign any and all necessary and related documents, and to take any and all required and appropriate related action, and further authorizing any actions by Authority officials which are necessary or proper to effectuate the Loan with AMERISERV Financial Bank in the principal amount of \$622,000.00, the Local Government Unit Debt Act proceeding and the Guaranty Agreement.

8. ENGINEER

The Engineer will review those items contained in the report.

Item 8A: Manor Drive and Lovell Park Sanitary Line Replacement The project includes the installation of approximately 3,500 L.F. of gravity sewer main and appurtenances along a backlot area adjacent to Manor Drive and Lovell Park, including reconnection of existing customer connections.

Bids were awarded to Continental Construction, the low bidder at a price of \$1,127,233.00. Continental Construction has requested a notice to proceed in late May.

Recommended Action – Approve the notice to proceed for Continental Construction dated May 22, 2023.

Item 8B: High Street Waterline Project, Contractor Payment Request #8.

Recommended Action – Approve the payment request of W. A. Petrakis for \$11,691.55.

Item 8C: PENNVEST Requisition #9 is submitted for approval in the amount of \$13,425.91.

Recommended Action – Approve reimbursement request to PENNVEST in the amount of \$13,425.91.

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * Item 10A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the previous meeting(s) are presented for review and approval.
Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s).
- * Item 10B: Financial Statement
The financial statement for February 2023 is submitted for approval.
Recommended Action – Approve the financial statement.
- * Item 10C: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$218,515.71 for March is submitted for approval.
Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 10D: **EPA Lead and Copper Rule-** The federal government passed legislation related to the use of lead and copper in water distribution lines and guidelines for compliance have been issued by DEP last month. Each water system nationwide will need to provide a full inventory of all service lines within the entire system by October of 2024. This will require multi-point verification, which means personnel will have to confirm the material used for the service lines at the point of entrance to a home or building as well as on both sides of the curb stop.

In addition to the massive amount of fieldwork required by Public Works to investigate each line, a significant amount of data will need to be collected and input into a state database. All of this is far more than current employees can handle and staff is looking into the possibility of part-time assistance for inputting data and conducting inspections. Staff is also considering the purchase of a hydrovac truck which will allow for easier access to the curb stops and avoid the need for countless PA one-calls to uncover and inventory the service lines.

In the meantime, the Municipal Authority has initiated the design phase of a water line replacement project. Funding requirements have already been updated to include elements of the Lead and Copper Rule noted above. In order to proceed expeditiously with the procurement of funds for this project, residents and property owners within the project area will be asked to provide information and photos of their incoming service lines. While such information can be used for now, ultimately those lines will need to be inspected by a Borough representative prior to October, 2024.

Authority members are urged to attend a demonstration of the hydrovac on May 2nd at 9:00 A.M.

Recommended Action – Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of a hydrovac machine for an amount not to exceed \$275,000 to be split 3 ways within the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater funds.

11. MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Representatives of the media are invited to comment and ask questions at this time on any issues, whether or not on the agenda.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Receiving advice from legal counsel

14. ADJOURNMENT

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